

TENNESSEE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY POLICY STATEMENT ON INJECTABLE CERTIFICATION AND
LICENSURE

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Tennessee Board of Optometry rules require that all new applicants for licensure complete ALL parts of the NBEO exam, and that all Tennessee optometrists be certified in the therapeutic use of injectable drug products. However, the Board recognizes that there are optometrists who may have been licensed in other states prior to the inclusion of Part 3 of the NBEO exam.

When an optometrist whose initial date of licensure was prior to 2012 applies for a Tennessee license, the Board may waive the exam requirement upon a demonstration of the applicant's clinical competency in the use of injectables. This clinical competency may be demonstrated through provision of transcripts or other documentary proof that injectable certification was obtained while the applicant was in optometry school, or that such certification was obtained through a course offered by a provider recognized by the Board.

This waiver is available only to applicants who were initially licensed prior to the inclusion of Part 3 of the NBEO exam on 8/1/2012.